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1. The Polish Legation in Rio de Janeiro has been very concerned over the appointment of a new Chief of Police in Curitiba, Brazil. The new Chief is Pedro Scherer, who is of Polish origin but is strongly anti-Communist. He has already demonstrated tendencies which are disturbing to the Warsaw faction of the Polish colony. Scherer is reported to be an extremely able and conscientious man.
2. In a recent conversation, Scherer stated that he intended to do everything in his power to destroy the Communist propaganda center within the Curitiba Polish Consulate. Scherer added that he had obtained proof of the activity of Waldemar Romel, Acting Polish Consul in Curitiba, in spreading Communist propaganda in the State of Parana, but that the two attempts he made to confiscate the Polish publications had been defeated by the Consulate, which appealed to the Brazilian Foreign Office. The Foreign Office ruled that the individuals involved were members of a foreign government's consular representation and, as such, were carrying out their duties.

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